

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2005 at 1:00 PM and
continuing September 27, 2005 at 1:00 PM
(Approved 11-14-2005)

- Item No. 1 Call to order by Judge Louis H. Bruni
Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 1:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:
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| Louis H. Bruni | County Judge |
| Frank Sciaraffa | Commissioner, Pct. 1 |
| Judith Gutierrez | Commissioner, Pct. 2 |
| Jerry Garza | Commissioner, Pct. 3 |
| Cindy Cortez-Brunner | Commissioner, Pct. 4 |

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 23rd of September 2005. Present also were Ms. Nora Elia Prado, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

- Item No. 2 Roll Call – Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

- Item No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by all

Cmr. Garza motioned to move up Item No. 8 and No. 9. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 8 Appointment by each Commissioner, and the County Judge, of a member to the Webb County Health Care Funding District (the "Commission"), in accordance with the qualifications specified by HB 2463, and any other matters incident thereto.

The court made the following appointments:

Judge Bruni appointed Mr. Frank X. Salinas
Cmr. Sciaraffa appointed Mr. Ruben Soto, Jr.
Cmr. Gutierrez appointed Sister Rosemary Welsh
Cmr. Garza appointed Dr. Hector Gonzalez
Cmr. Cortez-Brunner appointed Mr. Miguel Treviño

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the court that no vote was required since the appointees were appointed by each individual court member.

Item No. 9 Swearing in, by Webb County Judge, Louis H. Bruni, of the newly appointed members of the Webb County Health Care Funding District.

Judge Bruni swore in the appointed members. He invited Mr. Carlos Zaffirini, Mr. Abe Martinez and Mr. Miguel de la Fuente to join the appointees. He stated that he looked forward to hearing great things from this committee and can only foresee a better tomorrow.

Item No. 4 Approval of minutes – August 8, 2005 and August 22, 2005

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5 Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports

Mr. Louie Saucedo, Treasurer's Department, submitted the Treasurer's Monthly report to the court. He stated that their office was available if the court had any questions.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to accept the Treasurer's Monthly report. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 6 Communications

Judge Bruni thanked all the departments who assisted during the evacuation for Hurricane Rita. He thanked the Sheriff's Department for their work in controlling the traffic on highways leading to Laredo from evacuated areas and Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, for keeping him and his office up to date on relevant information. He thanked Mayor Betty Flores and the City of Laredo for staying on-line with Webb County during this time. He requested a moment of silence in memory of his uncle Mr. Thomas Leyendecker who passed away recently.

Moment of silence was observed.

Cmr. Sciaraffa thanked Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Mr. Raul Casso and Mr. Leo Flores for their work on preparing the budget.

Cmr. Gutierrez thanked the Insurance Committee for working so diligently on the property and casualty insurance agreements. She stated that a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently for the new parks in Oilton and Mirando City.

Cmr. Garza echoed Judge Bruni's comments and stated that though Webb County was not in the path of Hurricane Rita, it served as a drill for future disasters. He stated that those evacuees who called Laredo home for several days were left with a very good impression of the city and Webb County. He stated that the Del Mar road extension has been completed and the striping has already been done. He stated that this is the only county road in his precinct and has enough monies for an additional three miles of road work. He thanked Councilman Gene Belmares for his presence at today's meeting.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner thanked the school districts for opening the schools as shelters and thanked those nurses and health professionals who put in some time to assist with first aid at the shelters.

Item No. 7 Public Comment

Mr. C.Y. Benavides, III, was present to address Item No. 19. He stated that was not against the budget as a whole but was concerned about the increases in salaries and additional staff. He stated that compared to Lubbock County, Webb County's tax rate was almost double and has 40,000 less residents. He stated that across the board raises were not fair. He stated that frivolous expenditures such as the well being drilled in Webb County needed to be stopped and the monies needed to be put in Southeast and West Webb County areas where it was needed.

Mr. Anthony Peterson was present to address Item No. 19. He requested that the court consider increasing the budget for those departments and agencies that needed it such as the Road & Bridge Department, Tax Office, Domestic Violence Units, Indigent Health, Indigent Defense, Constables, Justices of the Peace and Mercy Ministries of Laredo. He stated that a 3% raise should be given to the employees based on merit instead of a 5% across the board.

Mr. Michael Landick was present to address Item No. 26. He stated that it was important to stimulate local economy by purchasing from local vendors instead of out of town vendors. He stated that more than just dollar values are affected by local contracts. He stated that when monies are spent locally, it affects employment opportunities as well as other factors.

Dr. Clifford Black was present to address Item No. 26. He stated that the multiplier effect that local purchasing had on the economy had to be taken into consideration when awarding contracts. He stated that it was important to spend monies locally since the return was usually 5 to 10 times more than the money that was originally invested. He stated that purchasing from local businesses builds economic growth and financial stability. He stated that when preference is given to larger out-of-town firms, the local economy suffers due to the negative effect that this has. He stated that Sheriff Flores is a good economist and far sighted leader who is aware of the negative consequences that come with contracting with outside vendors.

Mr. Michael Neim and Mr. Jose Angel Espinosa, Ben E. Keith Foods, were present for Item No. 27 to answer any questions that the court may have.

Mr. Jesus M. Sanchez was present to address Item No. 19. He stated that he read an article in the Laredo Morning Times regarding the salaries of court members and elected officials compared to those in neighboring counties. He stated that the court should follow the example of other Commissioners Court members who don't accept any raises. He stated that it was shameful for these elected officials to earn so much more than their counterparts in neighboring counties.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the court that representatives of the Children's Advocacy Center were present and would like to address the court.

Mr. Juan Cruz, past Children's Advocacy Center president, was present to address Item No. 16. He stated that the court had previously allocated an additional \$20,000 in funding for their organization but the monies were never received. He requested an allocation of \$70,000 plus an additional \$16,000 to cover those funds that were allocated but not received. He stated that they work hand in hand with numerous non profit organizations to provide necessary services. He stated that in the previous year, they saw 118 abuse cases in children aged 0–7 years old, 291 abuse cases in children aged 8–12 years old and 112 abuse cases in children aged 13-17 years old. He stated that he wished that the center did not need to exist but that sadly it does. He stated that they partner with the County for the Safe Haven Center and that it has suffered from severe financial cuts on the local, state and federal level.

Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk, reminded the court that she had a Public Hearing posted to begin at 2:45 PM to cover the Records Management and Preservation Plan and Records Archive Plan. She stated that they needed to be approved prior to the adoption of the budget.

Item No. 49 Discussion and possible action to itemize and set fees by Order for Floodplain Development Permits pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.324, Texas Water Code.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Sciaraffa not present for voting.

Item No. 10 Discussion and possible action to award Webb County's property and Casualty Insurance contract (excluding Excess Workers Compensation Insurance) to McGriff, Seibels & Williams of Texas, Inc. (placing coverage with St. Paul) at an annual cost of approximately \$700,000.00 annually.

Item No. 11 Discussion and possible action to award Webb County's 2005-2009 Excess Worker's Compensation insurance to Palmer & Cay (placing coverage with Safety National) at an approximate annual cost of \$87,000.00.

- Item No. 12 Discussion and possible action to award Webb County's 2005-2009 Third Party Administration Services to Hammerman & Gainer, Inc., (Worker's Compensation Insurance and all liability lines of coverage) at an approximate annual cost of approximately \$650.00 per claim for Worker's Compensation, \$625.00 per claim for bodily injury (liability), \$335.00 per claim for Property Damage and Auto liability claims and \$650.00 for all other liability claims for the life of the contract.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that the Health Insurance Committee went through an extensive meeting to discuss this matter and bring a recommendation to the court.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 10, No. 11 and No. 12 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 13 Presentation by the City of Laredo on the status of the North side Park with discussion and possible action.

Councilman Gene Belmares was present to address the court. He stated that this project was started in 2002 and that they have been able to formulate a plan for a park unlike anything done before. Cmr. Garza stated that this partnership has been a great initiative to be able to work with the city for the betterment of the lives of the citizens of Laredo and Webb County. Mr. Belmares stated that the park is still in a rough state but people have already begun to use it for walking and bird watching. He stated that it is expected to be completed by early to late summer. Cmr. Gutierrez thanked Councilman Belmares for his presence at today's meeting. She stated that she has worked with Councilman Tito Garcia for a park at Larga Vista and will continue to work with the city on other projects to enhance that area on Hwy 359. She stated that it was important to pool resources on worthwhile projects such as this.

- Item No. 14 Presentation by the Texas A & M International University Alumni Association on the upcoming 1st Annual Autmus Fest which will be held on the TAMIU grounds with discussion and possible action to donate \$10,000.00 for the event. Funding would come from account number 001-2100-03 (Pct. 3 Parks and Recreation).

Mr. Henry Flores, Mr. Orlando Navarro, Mr. Juan Jose Garza, Mr. Mike Cortez, Mr. Jorge Valdez, Ms. Candy Hein, and Ms. Patty Guajardo Buentello, TAMIU Alumni Association, were present to address the court. Mr. Flores stated that it was an honor and a pleasure to work with the Alumni Association on this event and thanked the court for their support. Mr. Cortez stated that this will be the first musical festival in the history of Laredo and is being modeled after the Oysterbake held in San Antonio by Saint Mary's University. He stated that the monies raised will be used for scholarships to TAMIU. Ms. Hein thanked the court for collaborating on this event to provide entertainment and raise monies for scholarships. She stated that 81% of TAMIU students receive some type of financial aid.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Cmr. Gutierrez recognized Mr. Henry Flores for his service as County Clerk for seven terms and thanked the Alumni Association for a wonderful endeavor. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that this would not be a donation but as an interlocal agreement between Webb County and the Alumni Association.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 15 Discussion and possible action to appoint a member to the Webb County Health Care Funding District.

Item addressed under Item No. 9.

Item No. 16 Discussion and possible action on the Children's Advocacy Funding of 2004-2005.

Cmr. Garza stated that the minutes of December 13, 2004 Item No. 10 show that the Children's Advocacy Center had come before the court and were allotted an increase of \$15,000 in funding. He inquired whether the monies that were not transferred during the last fiscal year would be carried over to this year. He stated that the account had not been identified.

Cmr. Garza motioned to allot the monies that were not allotted last year to this budget. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 17 Discussion and possible action to appoint a representative to the casa Blanca Golf Committee for Pct. 4.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner appointed Mr. Hugo Arrellano to replace Mr. Hector Garcia.

Judge Bruni motioned to accept the appointment. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to open the Public Hearing. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item No. 18 Public Hearing to consider the proposed budget pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 111.007. At the conclusion of this

Public Hearing, the Commissioners Court shall take action on the proposed budget pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 111.008(a).

There were no Public Comments made during the Public Hearing.

Judge Bruni motioned to close the Public Hearing. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that there was no action needed to close the Public Hearing. He stated that the County Judge would only need to state that the Public Hearing was now closed. He stated that the court can close this Public Hearing or include the

Cmr. Garza stated that an issue of concern for the judiciary is the incentives for judiciary department employees to bring them up to par with employees of similar employment. He stated that they must be the required number of education hours to qualify for the incentive pay. He stated that if it was not possible this fiscal year, he requested that it be considered for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Juan Cruz thanked the court for their continued support of the Children's Advocacy Center. He stated that their allocation for FY 05-06 is \$45,000 but that they requested \$70,000. He stated that they were allocated \$65,000 last year and the increase is necessary due to the increase need of services.

Judge Bruni closed the Public Hearing on the Budget.

Judge Bruni motioned to move up Item No. 40 and Addendum Item No. 1. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Item No. 40 Public Hearing to consider a plan by the Webb County Clerk for funding the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Records Archive pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 118.025

Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk, stated that she was proposing two plans for approval by the court. She stated that the Records Archival Plan would not change from the one submitted last year for approval. She stated that the only change being made to the Records Management Plan would be the transfer of \$40,000 from Professional Services to Computer Equipment. She stated that this would have no effect on the budget since the monies are already allotted and are only being transferred to another line item. She stated that the fees being charged to fund these plans remain the same.

Judge Bruni motioned to open the Public Hearing for Item No. 40. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no comments made during the Public Hearing.

Judge Bruni closed the Public Hearing on Item No. 40.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Addendum Item No. 1

Public Hearing to consider a plan by the Webb County Clerk for funding automation projects and management and preservation services pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 118.0216

Judge Bruni motioned to open the Public Hearing for Addendum Item No. 1. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no comments made during the Public Hearing.

Judge Bruni closed the Public Hearing on Item No. 40.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Item No. 19

Discussion and possible action to adopt the Webb County budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 pursuant to Chapter 111, Texas Local Government Code. The Court may make any modifications to the County Judge's proposed budget that it considers warranted by law and required by the interest of the taxpayers by majority vote.

Mr. Raul Casso, Chief of Staff, stated that the budget presented was a conservative budget but that there was growth in personnel and operational expenses. He stated that the various department requests totaled \$13 million but stated that if the recommendations that are being presented are approved, the budget would remain in good condition.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, presented to the court a breakdown of what was presented at the budget workshop held on September 22, 2005.

The following was submitted by Mr. Villarreal for court review and approval:

Requests	Revenues	Expenditures
1. JP Pct. 4 Oscar O. Martinez		
a. Increase professional services for UISD contractual agreement		729.00
b. Increase salary for 2133 Traffic Dept Super. & 2134 Dept. Super.		10,941
c. Increase salary for elected official		?
2. Sheriff Rick Flores		
a. Increase salary for Head Nurse		1,538
b. Increase salary for (3) Nurses (No. 0558, 0559, 0560)		11,667
3. District Attorney Jose M. Rubio, Jr.		
a. Fund Women's Legal Advocate Prosecutor Slot		71,718
b. Reduce cash match funding		(21,038)
4. County Attorney Homero Ramirez		
a. Create Mental Health Facilitator slot		66,494
b. Create Victim Coordinator slot		78,841
c. Increase line item for Materials & Supplies		5,000
d. Increase line item for clothing for Child Welfare Department		13,750
e. Increase State Title IV reimbursement for clothing	8,250	
5. Tax Assessor/Collector Patricia A. Barrera		
a. Create (4) Deputy Tax Collector slot		126,151
6. Constable Pct. 2 Ruben Reyes		
a. Convert new Clerk/Receptionist slot for Deputy Constable		(26,641)
b. Fund (2) Deputy Constable slots		72,726
7. County Auditor Leo Flores		
a. Increase funding for new Internal Auditor to start Jan. 3, 2006 to be offset by revenue from State Comptroller Of Public Accts. unclaimed property	12,202	10,790
b. Increase Judicial District Fees by State		1,220
c. Increase Webb County Appraisal District Fees		46,700
d. Increase Personnel Budget line items		
Constable Pct. 1 Rodriguez	22,489	
Constable Pct. 2 Juarez	2,937	
Constable Pct. 3 Reyes	11,388	
County Court at Law No. 2 Garza	481	
Extension Agent	1,012	
		38,307
8. Facilities Director Raul R. Elizondo		
a. Create (2) General Repair persons slots		63,468
9. County Clerk Margie R. Ibarra		
a. Create Vital Statistics Clerk slot		18,183
10. Treasurer Delia Perales		
a. Increase and decrease salaries in Personnel Budget		
Increase salary for Slot 2167 Clerk I	2,626	
Increase salary for Slot 0080 Admin. P/R Tech	2,505	
Decrease salary for Slot 0074 Oper. Admin.	(5,131)	
11. County Judge Louis H. Bruni		
a. Create Administrative Secretary		30,070
b. Remove Administrative Travel line item		(20,500)
c. Add for position		10,000
12. Commissioners Court inquiries and requests		
a. Create Secretary Position for Executive Administrator		45,670
b. Create Road & Bridge slots to be offset by users' garbage fees		0
c. Increase Veteran's Office line item for Veteran Coalition funding		25,000
d. Create Coordinator of Library Services & Technology for Larga Visa		35,735

e. Create El Cenizo slot	100
f. Create Public Information Officer Slot	58,445
g. Create Human Resource Director slot	58,445
h. Half year funding Director & Receptionist for Buenos Aires Community Center	34,330
i. Reduce to half year funding for Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center	(34,330)
j. Increase (4) Community Center Directors salary	15,236
k. Increase salary fro slot 0892 Clerk, 1892 Receptionist, 2142 Secretary and 2202 Clerk for Community Centers	13,211
l. Reduce Golf Course Operation budget	18,000
13. Constable Pct. 4 Agustin M. Juarez	
a. Increase salary for slot 0893 Captain Administrator	6,174
14. Health & Welfare General Operations	
a. Increase Mercy Ministries of Laredo funding	150,000
b. Increase Animal Protective Society funding	18,000
15. Add 311 System Services	10,000
16. Air Ambulance Service	75,000
District Clerk Addition (Memo to Commissioners Court)	
a. Reduce fund slot 0280	(8,784)
Increase funds slot 1886	3,784
Increase funds slot 0276	3,000
Increase funds slot 0277	2,000
b. Change title to 'Deputy Clerk'	
Slot #0278, 0279, 0280, 0281, 0282, 0283, 0284, 0285, 0286, 0287, 0288, 0289, 0290, 0291, 0292, 0293, 0294, 0295, 1887, 1888	

Mr. Villarreal also made the following recommendations not listed:

- a. Reduce funding for Interpreter by \$75,000
- b. Reduce incentive pay in Judicial Depts.
- c. Move ¼¢ to Operating Expenses
- d. Increase tax collection rate to 96.5%

Mr. Villarreal stated that No. 6a would be for (1) slot effective January 1, 2006. He stated that 12a was being funded for six months at 18,183. He stated that Mr. Raul Elizondo, Facilities Director, had requested (3) General Repair persons but would only be allotted (2). He stated that Mr. Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Superintendent, requested (3) additional drivers to garbage pickup and that their salaries would be offset by users' fees. He stated that the fees would be brought to the court at a later date. He stated that the changes presented today increased the budget by \$1,163,258. He stated that this would leave the Fund Balance at \$58,437,883 (14.87%) He stated that the budget has grown by \$7 million. He stated that a request submitted by JP Santos Benavides was for Capital Outlay and would be considered at a later time. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner inquired why Constable Rodriguez's request for additional personnel was not considered. Mr. Villarreal stated that Constable Rodriguez already has the highest number of deputies of all the constables. He stated that Constable Reyes traded his receptionist slot for another deputy. Judge Bruni stated that Constable Rodriguez covers the largest area in Webb County and should be treated fairly. Cmr. Sciaraffa stated that the request for an increase for his secretary should be included in the budget. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner stated that Constable Rodriguez's request for (2) additional deputies should also be included. Mr. Villarreal stated that the reduction in funding for the Community Center shown in the list would not be done and the center would be funded for the entire year. Cmr. Garza stated that his center would only be funded for six months.

RECESS (3:15 PM to 3:43 PM)

Mr. Villarreal stated that there was some confusion since Cmr. Cortez-Brunner received a partial draft list and not the finalized list from which he was reading from. Judge Bruni stated that he was concerned about Judge Flores' interpreter slot. Mr. Villarreal stated that the court can leave \$5,000 in the Judicial Operations Account. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that the funding cut in judicial incentives has brought this issue to the forefront. She stated that these incentives should be done across the board. Cmr. Garza stated that an educational incentive is a good idea and should be implemented county-wide. He thanked Mr. Raul Casso and Mr. Carlos Villarreal for their hard work done. He stated that the changes being done equal to approximately \$1.2 million and stated that monies to cover those expenses can be hard to find. Mr. Villarreal stated that the constable's incentives equaled \$35,000 and is asking for additional expenditures but that the revenues are not increasing at the same rate as the expenditures. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner inquired whether it would be possible to lower the salary for the Executive Administrator's secretary from \$45,000 to something lower. Mr. Villarreal stated that the salary is \$35,000 but \$45,000 is shown to include the fringe benefits. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner inquired why the Center directors' salaries were being increased. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that they have taken on additional responsibilities and feels that they should be compensated. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner inquired about how the decision regarding Constable Rodriguez's requests was made. Mr. Villarreal stated that the court can make any changes that they wish to the budget. He stated that his recommendation was based on the number of deputies already on the payroll. He stated that Constable Reyes needed two additional deputies due to the new JP building and that he traded his secretary position for the additional deputy. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner inquired why the request made by Mr. Paul De La Peña, M.I.S. Director, was not included. Mr. De La Peña stated that his request did not impact the budget and was to simply switch monies from one account to another. Mr. Villarreal stated that he was concerned that Mr. De La Peña did not have sufficient time in his position to make a recommendation to transfer monies.

Cmr. Garza motioned to keep the Interpreter at \$5,000 and the PIO for the District Attorney's Office at \$14,000. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Villarreal stated that any monies left over would go to the Fund Balance.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve the budget with the changes made. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to move up Item No. 41 and Addendum Item No. 2. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 41 Discussion and possible action to approve the County Clerks plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Records Archive presented at a Public Hearing by the Webb County Clerk pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 118.025. [Requested by Webb County Clerk].

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum

Item No. 2 Discussion and possible action to approve the County Clerks plan for funding the automation projects and records management and preservation services performed by the Webb County Clerk pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code section 118.0216. [Requested by Webb County Clerk]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve the item as submitted with the transfer of funds requested by Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20 Discussion and possible action to set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected and precinct officers for Webb County for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and authorizing the issuance of written notice to the officers as required by law.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21 Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of the Webb County Tax Rate of .437923 per \$100 taxable valuation for tax year 2005 (Fiscal Year 2005- 2006) pursuant to Chapter 26, Texas Property Code.

Judge Bruni motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to bring back Item No. 20. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 20 Discussion and possible action to set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected and precinct officers for Webb County for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and authorizing the issuance of written notice to the officers as required by law.

Comr. Garza stated that the correct salary for the Webb County Sheriff should be \$90,862.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item with the correction stated. Comr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 22 Discussion and possible action to designate meeting dates and times on which the Commissioners Court shall convene in regular term each month during the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Pursuant to Section 81.005, Texas Local Government Code. The Court may convene on any other day as deemed necessary and as authorized by law.

Judge Bruni motioned to designate 1:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month as the meeting dates and time. Comr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 23 Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2005-2006;

Columbus Day	October 10, 2005	(Monday)
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2005	(Friday)
Thanksgiving	November 24 & 25, 2005	(Thursday & Friday)
Christmas	December 23 & 26, 2004	(Friday & Monday)
New Years	December 30, 2005	(Monday & Friday)
	January 2, 2006	

Martin Luther King	January 16, 2006	(Monday)
President's Day	February 20, 2006	(Monday)
Good Friday	April 14, 2006	(Friday)
Memorial Day	May 29, 2006	(Monday)
Independence Day	July 4, 2006	(Tuesday)
Labor Day	September 4, 2006	(Monday)

*Three Personal Holidays

In accordance with Section 9.4 of the Webb County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, the three personal holidays will remain in effect.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 24 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Chief of Staff and Commissioners Court Executive Administrator to oversee and direct the CAA Department and conscript the services of other county personnel to assist as necessary.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 25 Discussion and possible action to appoint Commissioner Jerry Garza to the North American Super Hi-Way Corridor Board (NASCO).

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 26 Discussion and possible action to award or reject bid # 2005-75 "Jail Commissary Services

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the court that they have no authority on Commissary Contracts. He stated that based on the law, commissary agreements are the responsibility of the Sheriff.

Mr. Rick Flores, County Sheriff, stated that he had already advised the court of his recommendation.

- Item No. 27 Discussion and possible action to award or reject bid # 2005-75 "Jail Commodities" (Pending bid opening on September 20, 2005).

Mr. Tom Sanchez, Sheriff's Department, stated that their preferred vendor is for the best interest of Webb County. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that this is not a commissary issue. He stated that the Webb County Purchasing Agent is the exclusive agent designated to make purchases and recommendations to the court regarding purchases. He recommended hearing the Purchasing Agents recommendation and then allow the Sheriff's representatives to address the court if they so wish.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that he did not have a problem with the Sheriff's representative speaking first. He stated that at the Sheriff's request, he revamped the food commodities bid to include toiletries, uniforms, bedding supplies, food commodities and janitorial supplies. He stated that as per the Sheriff, multiple vendors posed security problems. He stated that as per Cmr. Garza's request, a committee was formed to review the bids and several meetings were held. He stated that six bids were received. He stated that Border Food Distributors (Laredo,

Texas) and Ben E. Keith (San Antonio, Texas with local representatives) were the only ones who met all bid requirements. He stated that the totals submitted by both were as follows:

Border Food Distributors	\$844,375.46
<u>Ben E. Keith Performance</u>	<u>636,347.81</u>
Difference	208,027.65

Mr. Ramirez stated that based on the items submitted and in light of keeping costs down, he recommended Ben E. Keith Performance out of San Antonio, Texas with local representatives. Mr. Sanchez stated that as per state law, must have the lowest and best bid. He stated that pricing is a key consideration but must also be best bid. He stated that Border and Ben E. Keith met all the requirements but that they have detected errors that would alter the figures presented. He stated Border overstated their bid by \$20,000 and Ben E. Keith understated theirs by \$50,000. Mr. J.J. Gonzalez, Sheriff's Department, stated that all bidders were required to submit their bids in specific units to be able to compare equally. He stated that they requested bids on black and white uniforms and Keith submitted quotes for the orange jumpsuits. He stated that bids were requested for 176,798 pints of milk and Keith submitted bids for ½ pints. He stated that the specifications were not met and the quantities submitted are different. Mr. Sanchez stated that it was apparent that the Purchasing Agent is going for the lowest bidder and not the best. He stated that over \$5 million have been bid out to companies outside Laredo, never to be seen again. He stated that Border is site and owner based and deliveries would be made on an as-needed basis. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner inquired as to how significant the discrepancies were and how they would affect the bids submitted. Mr. Ramirez stated that the bids asked for dairy in ½ pint and pint units. He stated that Border showed an address of 207 San Carlos but that the only building there is an apartment complex. He stated that the same items were bid on but are packaged differently depending on the vendor so they had to be broken down to individual units to find the price per unit. Cmr. Gutierrez inquired whether the comparisons were being made equal and whether they were comparing 'apples to apples.' Mr. Ramirez stated that the comparisons were as equal as they could be. He stated that the past administration used the orange jumpsuits for the prisoners so that was what was bid by Keith. He stated that there is no additional charge for different colors, but that the orange jumpsuits were specified in bid forms. Mr. Gonzalez stated that they did not feel that they were comparing 'apples to apples' as stated by Mr. Ramirez. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that even with the discrepancies totaling \$70,000, Keith is still lower by \$110,000. Mr. Gonzalez stated that they understand that Keith is still lower but are fighting the fact that the specifications were not met by Keith. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that as per Local Government Code 262.026(a), the County Officer who makes purchases must request and open bids and as per LGC 262.027, said officer shall present the bids to the court. He stated that if the court feels that they need additional information, they can defer or table the item, award the bid or reject all bids and re-bid them. He stated that the Purchasing Agent had already made his recommendation to the court. Cmr. Gutierrez inquired as to what they were legally bound to under the Purchasing Act and the Purchasing Agent's recommendations. She stated that there seemed to be a difference of opinion regarding the vendors and the amounts submitted. Mr. Ramirez stated that the court is restricted against considering local vendors for the

sole purpose of selecting a vendor. He stated that he can address the item further in Executive Session for consultation with attorney.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to move into Executive Session. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (4:49 PM to 5:02 PM)

Judge Bruni reconvened the meeting and stated that no action was taken while in Executive Session.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that the court had three options:

1. Select the vendor with the lowest and best bid
2. Postpone the decision to review the information further
3. Reject all bids and start the bid process over

He stated that if the court chose to select a vendor other than that recommended by the Purchasing Agent, they should be allowed to make a presentation.

Mr. Mike Neim and Mr. Jose Espinoza, Ben E. Keith Performance, were present to address the court. Mr. Neim stated that their company has been around for over 99 years and has been involved with county government for several years. He stated that they submitted their bid as per the specifications and that they stand by those specifications. He stated that the bid process is extremely exhaustive and that Ben E. Keith personally guarantees their products and services. He stated that they can bring a formal presentation to the court at a future time but feels that \$208,000 is a lot of apples and would be concerned if they are not awarded this bid. Cmr. Gutierrez inquired whether Border submitted proof of liability insurance. Mr. Ramirez stated that it was not included in the bid packet.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner motioned to award the bid to Ben E. Keith Performance. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that she cannot remember a time that the court has gone against the Purchasing Agent's recommendation due to the process that is undertaken to make a recommendation.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Rick Flores, County Sheriff, stated that he respected the court's decision and would continue to work with Keith.

Item No. 28 Discussion and Possible Action to approve for Webb County Community Action Agency to submit to Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) the Annual program plan (CAP), for FY-2006, for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 29 Discussion and possible action to amend the agreement with Laredo Animal Protective Society increasing the contract amount by TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$24,000.00) for a total amount of FIFTY-SIX THOSAND DOLLARS (\$56,000.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 30 Discussion and Possible action to enter into a one (1) year agreement (October 1, 2005 through September 20, 2006) under contract number 11K1965 with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services to provide home-delivered Meal Services through the Webb County Community Action Agency Meals on Wheels Program and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by CAA, Account No. 952-4216]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 31 Discussion and possible action to enter into a three (3) year, three-party agreement between Webb County Constable Precinct 4 Agustin "Tino" Juarez and U.S. Department of Justice to authorize participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program 9shared assets to be used for law enforcement purposes; establish and maintain separate accounts for Federal Equitable Sharing Program Funds and agree to conduct annual audit of any funds or property received under the program) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Constable Precinct 4 Agustin "Tino" Juarez]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 32 Discussion and possible action to enter into a one year (1) Software Maintenance Agreement (October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006) with Environmental Systems Research Institute, INC (ESRI) to provide

maintenance support for the Mapping and 911 software utilized by the Planning Department for a total cost of FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$5700.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Planning Department, Account No. - 010-0102-6222 Repairs and Maintenance Equipment]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 33 Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006) Equipment Service Agreement with Record Systems, LLC to provide equipment maintenance of the Kardex Lektriever filing system located at the Risk Management Department at a cost of NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$975.00), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Risk Management]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 34 Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006) Equipment Service Agreement with Record Systems, LLC to provide equipment maintenance of the Kardex Lektriever filing system located at the Webb County Attorney's Office at a cost of NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$975.00), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by County Attorney]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 35 Discussion and possible action to approve a Professional Services Agreement with George Garcia for the USDA – Child and Adult Food Program for a period of one year and three months (June 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006) in the amount of TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$2640.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by CAA Dept. Acct. # 906-4209-6093]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that as per Head Start, the amount would not exceed \$2,640.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 36 Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract with Justice Benefits, Inc to re-implement federal reimbursement housing illegal aliens at the Webb County Jail at the rate of 22% compensation for any reimbursement generated above the baseline amount through Justice Benefit's efforts and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 37 Discussion and possible action to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Laredo for Fire and Emergency Medical Services to the unincorporated areas of Webb County at a cost of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS annually and the purchase of two Brush Master Fire Apparatus to be conveyed to the City of Laredo for a term of five years (October 1- 2005 through September 30, 2010) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 38 Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Laredo for a four year period (October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2009) for public health services for Webb County residents at an annual cost of \$200, 000.00 for the first year with a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for each successive year during the term of the agreement and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 39 Discussion and possible action to approve a Line Item Transfer as follows:

From:	001-1120-6010	Books & Subscriptions	\$500.00
To:	001-1120-6005	Postage	\$500.00

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 42 Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer from account: #001-1100-6014 (Equipment Rental) \$200.00 to account #001-1100-6005 (Postage) \$200.00 and from: account #001-1100-6007 (Dues and Memberships) \$300.00 to account #001-1100-6403 (Repairs & Maint. of Vehicles) \$300.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 43 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the Transfer of Funds for the Utilities Department Fund 801;

From:		
801-3001-6017	Printing & Printing Supply	\$1,000.00
801-3001-6094	Lease Purchase Interest	\$2,000.00
801-3001-6202	Uniforms	\$1,000.00
801-3001-6048	License & Permits	\$400.00
801-3003-6401	Repairs & Maintenance Buildings	\$500.00
801-3003-6402	Repairs & Maintenance Equipment	\$500.00
801-3004-6048	License & Permits	\$1,600.00
To:		
801-3001-6204	Fuels & Lubricants	\$7,000.00

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 44 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the County Engineer to advertise "Request for Proposals" to fill Vacant Position, Slot # New, ADA/Emergency Management Coordinator, at a salary of \$45,000.00 per year.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, stated that a college degree with experience in ADA and Emergency Management would be required.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 45 Discussion and Possible Action Reversing the Awarding of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 in the amount of \$115,600.00, to the existing Contract with Dannenbaum Engineers for additional services for the design of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) did not approve the increase to the contract.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Sciaraffa not present for voting.

- Item No. 46 Discussion and Possible Action Designating Supplemental Agreement No. 3 as Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the existing Contract with Dannenbaum Engineers for the inspection of six construction projects of the Texas Water Development Board water and sewer improvements at El Cenizo and Rio Bravo in the amount of \$109,836.00. They will be inspecting the 2.4 MGD Water Treatment Plant, Expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to 1.5 MGD, water line replacement in Rio Bravo, water line replacement in El Cenizo, lift stations and force mains in El Cenizo, 200,000 gallon elevated tank in El Cenizo and the replacement of water lines in Rio Bravo.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Sciaraffa not present for voting.

- Item No. 47 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to advertise for bids the Juvenile Youth Village & JJAEP Complex.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Sciaraffa not present for voting.

- Item No. 48 Discussion and possible action to grant Preliminary Plat Approval of the Bonanza Hills Subdivision, Phase II, and grant a waiver from Section IX.2. of the Subdivision Regulations allowing cross street spacing to

exceed 1,500 feet contingent upon compliance with staff comments and recommendation(s) of the Planning Advisory Board.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Sciaraffa not present for voting.

- Item No. 49 Discussion and possible action to itemize and set fees by Order for Floodplain Development Permits pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.324, Texas Water Code.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 50 Discussion and possible action to award/reject the following bids:
Bid 2006-22 "Annual Contract for Light Bulbs and Lamps"
 Recommendation: Consolidated Electrical Dist. (C.E.D.)
Bid 2006-31 "Annual Contract for Ice"
 Recommendation: Reddy Ice

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to accept the Purchasing Agent's recommendation. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present for voting.

- Item No. 51 Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchasing agent to lease purchase the following copiers for (36) thirty-six months for the County Clerks' Office;
One (1) e-Studio 750/850 Power Station Nevill Business Machines
Monthly \$399.75 Cost per Copy 0.0065
One (1) e-Studio 520/600 Power Station Nevill Business Machines
Monthly \$286.65 Cost per Copy 0.0065
One (1) GEI Wide Format Digital Imaging System Nevill Business Machines
Monthly \$345.00 Cost per Copy .12 per linear foot

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Judge Bruni seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present for voting.

- Item No. 52 Discussion and possible action on terminating the Rehabilitation Construction Contract with Two Sons Construction for Ms. Guadalupe Acre's home, 1550 Margarita Lane in Rio Bravo, Texas and awarding to the second lowest bidder, Ace Builders for \$22,650.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present for voting.

Item No. 53 Discussion and possible action to solicit bids for the following Housing Rehabilitation for the Economic Development Department:

Ms. Claudia Picasso
1531 Margarita Ln
Rio Bravo, Texas

Ms. Maria F. Martinez
520 Rio Tamesis
Rio Bravo, Texas

Ms. Maria F. Segovia
505 Rio Nilo
Rio Bravo, Texas

Mr. Manuel Rivera
427 Hernandez
El Cenizo, Texas

Ms. Dolores Valdez
1770 Margarita Ln
Rio Bravo, Texas

Ms. Rosa De Leon
1606 Margarita Ln
Rio Bravo, Texas

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present for voting.

Item No. 54 Action to approve the renewal of the accidental insurance for the Webb County Head Start Program from The Maksin Group in the amount of \$6,612.50 (\$5.75 per child) to become effective October 1, 2005, and authorization for the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. (Account No. 001-0105-6032 -Property/Casualty/Liability Insurance Premium)

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present for voting.

Item No. 55 Discussion and possible action to approve an increase of \$1,000.00 to the Tax Assessor Collector's Change fund from \$10,100.00 to \$11,100.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present for voting.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner motioned to move into Executive Session. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:20 PM to 5:54 PM)

- Item No. 56 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. GV-403943 Webb County, Texas v. Gregg Abbott, et al; In the 261st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]
- Item No. 57 Discussion and possible action regarding the Application of Regional Land Management Services, Ltd for Permit No. 2286, TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0729- MSW; SOAH Docket No. 582-04-0975. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]
- Item No. 58 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2004-CVQ-001441-D4; Delia Perales v. Webb County, Texas et al; In the 406th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]
- Item No. 59 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2004-05-00456-CV; The City of Laredo, Texas v. Martha Escamilla, et. al; Court of Appeals Number in the Fourth Court of Appeals District. . [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]
- Item No. 60 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 04-CV-00182; Rosalinda Delgado v. Webb County, Texas et al; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that no action was required for Item No. 56, No. 57, No. 58, No. 59 and No. 60 since they were only for status and discussion with Mr. Jim Allison via teleconference.

Item No. 61 Adjournment

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.